

Candidates for County Commissioner Precinct 1



Lucy Knight

Ms. Knight ignored multiple requests for her position on the dump and the siting ordinance.



Ida Reyna-Magallanez

Ms. Reyna-Magallanez says she needs more information about the dump, but would defend the ordinance as long as it protects the citizens of Caldwell County.



Chayo Rosario Rodriguez

Mr. Rodriguez ignored multiple requests for his position on the dump and the siting ordinance.



B.J. Westmoreland

Mr. Westmoreland ignored multiple requests for his position on the dump and the siting ordinance.



Terry Wright

Mr. Wright ignored multiple requests for his position on the dump and the siting ordinance.

Contact was attempted for all candidates running for Caldwell County Judge, and Commissioner's Court. At print time, we received no response from the following candidates:

County Judge – Johnny Lee Spriggs

County Judge – Anna Ybarra

Precinct 1 Commissioner – Thom Hanson

Precinct 2 Commissioner – Barbara Shelton

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THIS ELECTION WILL AFFECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CALDWELL COUNTY RESIDENTS FOR GENERATIONS.



Caldwell County Commissioners have surrendered the legal fight against the proposed 17 story tall Green Group dump on 130, ignoring concerns of shoddy engineering and fire safety. Commissioners have voted to negotiate a host agreement with the company. The Caldwell County siting ordinance prohibits the dumpsite, but Green Group says their permit came before the ordinance. The new Commissioners Court will decide the fate of thousands of children.

We think Caldwell County residents have a right to know where the candidates stand on 130 Environmental Park, aka, THE DUMP.

We asked the Candidates just the following 2 questions:

- 1) If elected to office, would you vote for or against the 130 Environmental Park, and why?
- 2) The current Caldwell County siting ordinance prohibits building a landfill on the proposed 130 Environmental Park site. If elected to office, would you vote to defend the ordinance as it's currently written, why or why not?

Candidates for County Judge



Deward Cummings

Mr. Cummings is not against the dump, and has not heard of the siting ordinance. He is concerned about the added wear and tear the traffic will have on the roadway.



Hoppy Haden

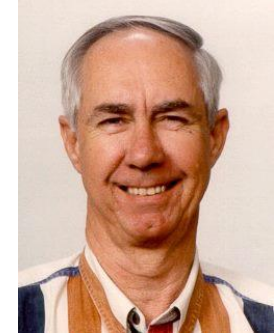
As County Commissioner, Mr. Haden voted to end the legal fight against the landfill. He publicly opposed changing the siting ordinance, and offered to negotiate with Green Group. Phone records show Mr. Haden held secret meetings with Green Group at the same time Caldwell County taxpayers were battling the company in court.

Candidates for County Commissioner Precinct 2



Eddie Moses

Incumbent Commissioner Moses voted to end the legal fight against the dump and has voted to negotiate the siting ordinance with Green Group. Mr. Moses previously said he was opposed to changing the siting ordinance, but thinks the 130 site is not affected by the ordinance.



Fred Buchholtz

Mr. Buchholtz does not believe the siting ordinance prohibits the 130 dump and wants the County to stay neutral despite the health and safety concerns.

Candidates for County Commissioner Precinct 4



Alfredo Munoz

As a County Commissioner, Mr. Munoz voted for the siting ordinance and to fight the proposed dump in court.



Kenneth Schawe

Incumbent County Judge Ken Schawe has been a leading proponent of ending the legal battle against the dump. Phone records show Mr. Schawe held secret discussions with the dump while taxpayers were spending money fighting the dump.



Joe Roland

Incumbent Commissioner Roland has become the only voice opposing the dump. He voted against ending the legal battle and has said he will not change the siting ordinance.



Jerry West

Mr. West said he “doesn’t want to see a dump in Caldwell County,” but isn’t even certain the landfill will be an issue by the time he would take office.